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Nevada Requests Provider Feedback on E-Health Initiative

Please complete this important survey at http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/Nevada_E-Health_Survey by June 14

We live in an era in which technology has tremendous potential to transform the delivery of medical care. Technology used to support health-related services is broadly known as health information technology (HIT). This includes electronic health records (EHR) to collect and store patient health information, and the capability of using a statewide health information exchange (HIE) to share health records across the boundaries of individual care settings. To meet your practice's needs and expectations of HIT, we want to better understand your current capabilities, preferences, and perceptions. *For that reason, we ask you to please take a moment to complete this important online survey.*

The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) of 2009 offers new support and funding to advance the use of HIT as a means to improve health care quality, assure patient safety, increase efficiency in health care delivery, and improve population health. ARRA funding includes provider incentives for EHR adoption, development of a statewide HIE, and hands-on technical assistance for providers adopting EHRs and using HIE.

One of the main requirements to take advantage of this funding is to obtain feedback from health care providers. Therefore, the Nevada Office of Health Information Technology (OHIT) and Division of Health Care Financing and Policy (DHCFP) have developed this survey to assess adoption rates and uses of HIT and HIE within Nevada's provider community. The State has contracted with the consulting firm Public Knowledge LLC to assist with the survey.

In order to obtain a broad representation of provider readiness, we request that a survey be completed by all professional providers and hospitals licensed within the State of Nevada. We also request you **complete the survey by June 14, 2010** in order for your responses to be included in the results.

You may complete the survey either of two ways:

1. The preferred method is to complete the electronic survey online by going to the website at http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/Nevada_E-Health_Survey.
2. An alternate method is to download a PDF version of the survey from <http://dhhs.nv.gov/HIT.htm> and, once completed, either scan and email it to NevadaHIT@dhcfs.nv.gov or fax it to 775-684-3643.

The survey should be completed by yourself or another person on behalf of your practice with knowledge of the information technology that supports the practice, is familiar with the practice's operations, and has an understanding of the practice's future plans or goals regarding implementation of HIT and/or HIE technology. The survey should only take 10 minutes or less to complete.

For assistance with the survey, or if you have any other questions, please send an email to NevadaHIT@dhcfs.nv.gov. More information about Nevada's HIT and HIE planning efforts, including a **fact sheet and glossary** of general HIT and HIE definitions applicable to this survey, can be found at <http://dhhs.nv.gov/HIT.htm>.

Thank you for your participation.

Sincerely,

Handwritten signature of Lynn O'Mara in blue ink.

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